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**PATENT**

Applicants:	John O. Marsden et al.	Docket No.:	97112.2617
Serial No.:	10/758,755	Examiner:	TBA
Filing Date:	January 16, 2004	Art Unit:	TBA
Title:	METHOD FOR RECOVERY OF METALS FROM METAL-CONTAINING MATERIALS USING HIGH TEMPERATURE PRESSURE LEACHING		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examining the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.